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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a method of fabricating a light guide plate, classified in class 264, subclass 2.5 from a machined surface of the mold.
- II. Claims 9-11, drawn to an edge-light backlight module having a light source and light guide plate, classified in class 362, subclass 600.

The inventions are distinct, each from other because of the following reasons:

Inventions (Group I) and (Group II) are related as process of making and product made.

The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP 806.05(f)). In the instant case contoured surface of the molding die and molding matrix can be created by the method of galvanoplasty or electric discharge method, therefore restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Tsidulko whose telephone number is (571)272-2384. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for all communications.

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